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**Subject:** FW: Files submitted to Science to address second round of comments  
**Attachments:** 200415 WashingtonEtAlManuscriptForResubmissionWithFigures.docx; 200415 WashingtonEtAlSuppMat.pdf

I hate to clutter your inboxes, but I know Tim has been working on this NJ PFAS project at high levels. I wanted to assure Tim has the latest.

And as I write this, after submitting, I receive an email from the NJ author asking to change her affiliation within the DEP. She had this manuscript since last year! I will see what I can do, but the science in these files is what was submitted to Science.

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**Subject:** Files submitted to Science to address second round of comments

Hi authors,

Attached are files I just submitted to address the second round of comments. Manuscript is in Word and SM is in PDF to avoid a Word-format SM file winding up on-line (unlikely here but it happened to me with Chemosphere once).

Thanks,  
John

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**Subject:** A positive update on our Science submission

Dear coauthors and everyone else invested,

I just checked the Science authors' portal, saw a change in manuscript status, re-signed into EPA email and found the email below in my Junk folder, a problem which I have tried numerous times to fix.

You can read for yourself that the manuscript seems to be more securely near full acceptance, a much darker shade of gray, almost fully black and white. The editor even was kind enough to redraw our Figure 1 for us to his satisfaction!

I plan to address the remaining minor comments starting tomorrow.

I think this protracted review, with long silences, has been a challenge for some of us . . . I know it has been for me. Perhaps some of the delay is related to AAAS work on the COVID-19 effort, see image below of an email I received about two hours before the editor's email to me. At any rate, thank you all for your contributions, support and patience, and I will keep you posted.

Sincerely,  
John

The latest on COVID-19 from Science



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From: Jake S. Yeston <[science\\_editors@aaas.org](mailto:science_editors@aaas.org)>  
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14-Apr-2020

Dear John,

Sincere apologies for the delay. The first reviewer has returned the comments below and we are prepared to accept the paper with a few further minor revisions. In addition to the reviewer's comments, we need a link that readers can use to access the data repository. Ideally this should be a DOI that can be cited in the reference list, but if the EPA repository does not make DOI's available, a stable url in the acknowledgments would suffice. I would also encourage you to consider this new title: Nontargeted mass-spectral detection of chloroperfluoropolyether carboxylates in New Jersey soils. I think it's somewhat important to spell out the actual name of the compound class you detected, despite then losing the mention of fingerprinting.

I redrew the compound in Figure 1 so it looked a little cleaner--if you're satisfied with that, there's no need to change it, as I've uploaded it to your record.

In the supplement (where the title should change too), Table S5 should use

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You can upload new files via the website.

thanks,

Jake

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